

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A process ~~Process~~ for modifying the crystal habit of an acicular drug substance comprising suspending said crystalline drug substance in a solvent system having an effect on the crystal habit and subjecting said suspension to a temperature oscillation.

Claim 2. (Currently amended): A process ~~Process~~ for recrystallising an acicular drug substance comprising suspending said crystals in a solvent system having an effect on the crystal habit and subjecting said suspension to a temperature oscillation.

Claim 3. (Currently amended): A process ~~Process~~ according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2 wherein the crystal habit is modified in that the mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals is smaller than about 10:1.

Claim 4. (Currently amended): A process ~~Process~~ according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 3 wherein the drug substance after temperature oscillation has a bulk density of about above 200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 5. (Currently amended): A process ~~Process~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the temperature oscillation is in form of a zig-zag curve.

Claim 6. (Currently amended): A process according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 5 for ~~producing crystals having wherein the crystals produced have~~ a mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals smaller than about 10:1 or a bulk density of about 200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 7. (Original): Crystals of an acicular drug substance with an aspect ratio of about 10:1 to 1:1 and/or a bulk density of about above 200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 8. (Original): Crystals according to claim 7 wherein the acicular drug substance is mycophenolic acid, or a mycophenolate salt.

Claim 9. (Currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition, ~~e.g.~~ in the form of tablets, comprising crystals of claim 7 ~~or~~ 8 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 10. (Original): Crystals of claim 8 for use as a pharmaceutical.

Claim 11. (Original): A crystal modification of mycophenolic acid or mycophenolate sodium having one of the following characteristic crystal structures, determined by means of an X-ray single crystal analysis, or having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern as defined below:

a) mycophenolate sodium anhydrate, modification A;

crystal system: monoclinic  
space group:  $P2_1/c$   
a: 16.544(4)  
b: 4.477(1)  
c: 21.993(3)  
 $\beta$ :  $92.14(1)^\circ$   
V: 1627.8(6)  
Z: 4  
cal. Density:  $1.397 \text{ g/cm}^3$

b) mycophenolate sodium hydrate;

having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 2;

c) hemisalt of mycophenolate sodium anhydrate;

crystal system: triclinic  
space group:  $P-1$   
a: 11.172(6)  
b: 12.020(6)  
c: 13.441(2)  
 $\alpha$ :  $73.09(7)^\circ$   
 $\beta$ :  $71.79(6)^\circ$   
 $\gamma$ :  $84.63(6)^\circ$   
V: 1641(2)  
Z: 2

d) mycophenolate sodium methanol solvate;

crystal system: triclinic  
space group:  $P-1$   
a: 7.761  
b: 9.588  
c: 14.094  
 $\alpha$ :  $109.96^\circ$   
 $\beta$ :  $95.99^\circ$   
 $\gamma$ :  $83.05^\circ$   
V: 976.3  
Z: 2

e) mycophenolate sodium methanol solvate II;

crystal system: triclinic  
space group:  $P-1$

a:	9.179
b:	10.724
c:	12.098
$\alpha$ :	113.27 °
$\beta$ :	101.76 °
$\gamma$ :	104.44 °
V:	996.4
Z:	2

f) mycophenolate disodium salt, monohydrate;

having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 6;

g) mycophenolate disodium salt, pentahydrate;

crystal system: monoclinic

space group:  $P 2_1/c$ ,

a:	14.495
b:	17.613
c:	8.401
$\beta$ :	97.15 °
V:	2128
Z:	4

h) mycophenolic acid;

crystal system: triclinic

space group:  $P -1$

a:	7.342
b:	9.552
c:	11.643
$\alpha$ :	102.70 °
$\beta$ :	90.89 °
$\gamma$ :	90.74 °
V:	796.3
Z:	2

i) mycophenolate sodium hydrate form B;

having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 10;

j) mycophenolate sodium hydrate form C;

having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 12;

Claim 12. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the crystal habit is modified in that the mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals is smaller than about 10:1.

Claim 13. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the drug substance after temperature oscillation has a bulk density of about above 200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 14. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the temperature oscillation is in form of a zig-zag curve.

Claim 15. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the crystals produced have a mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals smaller than about 10:1 or a bulk density of about 200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 16. (New): A pharmaceutical composition in the form of tablets, comprising crystals of claim 2 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.